



The Judge Advocate General's School

2018 National Security Law Writing Competition

Ethical Standards and National Security

Deadline for Submissions: 15 April 2018

Overview: The Air Force Judge Advocate General's School (AFJAGS), in partnership with the Air Force JAG School Foundation, Inc., is pleased to announce its third annual writing competition for students, practitioners, academics, and policy makers to provide unique perspectives and insights on matters of national security law.

Topic: Ethical Standards and National Security. This year's writing competition topic encourages scholarship on issues surrounding the national security implications of ethical rules and guidelines governing military personnel. In August 2017, the Secretary of Defense disseminated his memorandum on "Ethical Standards for All Hands" to all Department of Defense employees. This memorandum encourages initiative with the expectation that all members of the Department play the ethical midfield. In an era of asymmetrical warfare and non-traditional actors, the Air Force and other services have had to push the boundaries of innovation to ensure mission success. For purposes of this competition, authors should prepare works contemplating the legal challenges associated with ethics in the current operational environment. We invite submission of papers on any topic directly aimed at the intersection of ethical standards and national security.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all U.S. and international law school students and graduates. Only original and previously unpublished papers are eligible. Papers prepared for law school credit are eligible provided they are original work. Jointly authored papers are not eligible. Entrants can have others review and critique their work, but the submission must be the entrant's own product. In such a case, the name of the reviewing professor or lawyer must be noted on the entry. Current members of the AFJAGS faculty shall not participate in the contest or review any entry on behalf of an entrant. Only one paper may be submitted per entrant.

Format: Entries may not exceed 35 pages, including title page, citations, and footnotes. Entries over 35 pages will be rejected. The text of the entry must be double-spaced, with 12-point Times New Roman font for body text, 10-point Times New Roman font for citation text, and 1-inch margins. Sources must be cited in footnotes according to *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*, conforming to the style found within the pages of *The Air Force Law Review*. Entrants are encouraged to review past issues of *The Air Force Law Review* at <http://www.afjag.af.mil/Library>.

Entry Procedure: Each submission must include a separate cover page with the entrant's name, mailing and e-mail addresses, and phone number. The entrant's name and other identifying markings must not appear on any other page of the submitted entry. Submissions must be sent via e-mail to afloa.afjags@us.af.mil as a Microsoft Word attachment.

Deadline: Entries must be submitted by 1630 Central Time on 15 April 2018. Winners will be selected and notified by 30 June 2018.

Judging: A distinguished panel of experts will select the winning entries from among those submitted. Judges will evaluate works submitted using standards of quality applicable to traditional academic writing, with emphasis on the following:

- Originality – Does the work break new ground and advance the body of scholarship on law and policy in the national security arena?
- Organization – Does the work clearly define a problem and present a solution within a logical, contextual framework?
- Persuasiveness – Does the work put forth a cohesive argument that is well-supported by reference to authoritative sources?
- Mechanics – Does the work meet high standards of quality in spelling, grammar, and citation format?

Prize: The author of the first-place winning entry will receive a cash prize of \$2,000 provided by the Air Force JAG School Foundation, Inc. The author of the second-place winning entry will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 provided by the Air Force JAG School Foundation, Inc. All works submitted will be considered for publication in *The Air Force Law Review*. Although AFJAGS reserves first publication rights for all works submitted in the competition, authors of works not selected for first or second-place prizes will receive notice no later than 31 July 2018 of AFJAGS' intent with respect to publication of their work. Authors whose works are not selected for publication at that time will be permitted to seek publication elsewhere. AFJAGS reserves the right to make no award in the event that the submitted articles do not meet minimum requirements and standards as determined by AFJAGS.

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